

2014 Distributed Generation Contracts Program – Recommended Megawatt Allocation Plan



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2014 Program - Megawatts Available

- Scenario - 12.5 MW available for the 2014 DG Program.
- The capacity number will be subject to a final adjustment by the docket filing to the Public Utility Commission on December 16th.
- There could be additional MW made available in 2014. This will be dependent on the projects awarded contracts 2012 and 2013.

2014 Allocation Plan - Recommendations

The OER will be recommending to the DG Board the following:

1. Establish an annual target, instead of a per enrollment target.
2. An annual target provides flexibility to the program, and was utilized with the 2011 and 2012 programs.
3. Maintain the rollover rule of kW for technologies from the 2013 DG program rules for the first 2 enrollments in 2014.
4. If there are no applications received in the final enrollment for a given technology/class, then those kW shall be committed to projects where there is the greatest demand.

2014 Annual Goal

Technology	Eligible System Sizes	2014 Allocation	Potential Number of Projects	2011-2013 Contracts History
Small Solar	50-200 kW	400 kW	2-8	5
Medium Solar	201-500 kW	4,100 kW	9-22	10
Large Solar	501-1,000 kW	3,000 kW	3-6	6
Wind	50-1,500 kW	3,000 kW	1-2	2
Small Scale Hydropower	50-500 kW	1,000 kW	2	0*
Anaerobic Digestion	50-500 kW	1,000 kW	2	0
Total		12,500 kW		

2014 is the first year that small hydropower is eligible to participate.

2014 - First Enrollment

Technology	Allocation
Small Solar (50-200 kW DC)	200 kW*
Medium Solar (201-500 kW DC)	1,400 kW
Large Solar (501-1,000 kW DC)	1,000 kW
Wind (50-1,500 kW)	1,500 kW*
Small Hydropower (50-500 kW)	500 kW*
Anaerobic Digestion (50-500 kW)	500 kW*
Total	5,100 kW

*These technologies allocations will be allowed to rollover until the 3rd enrollment.

If no applications are received in the last enrollment for a particular class, those kW will be awarded to projects where there is the greatest demand.



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Additional Capacity in 2014 Program

- National Grid shall notify the OER and DG Board of any additional capacity that becomes available for the 2014 program.
- The DG Board in consultation with the OER will determine where that additional capacity is allocated to for the different technologies.
- Project demand and ceiling price results through the first two enrollments will determined where that additional capacity is allocated.
- National Grid and the OER shall notify the Public Utility Commission of any additional capacity added to the program prior to the last 2014 enrollment.